

HO-984

Third Ellicott City Firehouse
8390 Main Street, Ellicott City
Private

Description:

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Significance:

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Maryland Inventory of

Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-984

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Third Ellicott City Firehouse
other

2. Location

street and number 8390 Main Street not for publication
city, town Ellicott City vicinity
county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Main Street F H LLC
street and number 5100 Dorsey Hall Drive telephone
city, town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21042

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 6225 folio 339
city, town Ellicott City tax map 25A tax parcel 240 tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	1
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	0

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

0

7. Description

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Condition

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Description:

The Third Ellicott City Firehouse is located at 8390 Main Street, just east of Fels Lane, in Ellicott City, in northeastern Howard County, Maryland. It is a two-story, two-bay (on the first story) by eleven-bay brick structure with a rubble-stone foundation and a hip roof with slate. The building faces south toward the street, and is set right on the sidewalk. The south elevation and south bay of the east and west elevations is Flemish bond with many glazed headers, while the rest of the building has five-to-one common bond brick.

On the south elevation there are two-story brick piers at each end, with the two bays of the first story set back about five feet. Each of these bays has a large opening in-filled with double doors, each with three lights over one lying panel, and there are matching sidelights to each side and a transom with eight lights. On the inner side of each brick pier is a door with nine lights over two panels, and a three-light transom over each door. The second story has a three-bay open porch with paired wood Doric columns flanking the center bay and single columns next to the brick piers. The railings have square balusters in six sets of four in each bay. Set back in the plane of the first story wall are three pairs of French doors, each with ten lights. There is a modillion cornice, a semi-circular louvered dormer, and an octagonal lantern with compass-headed louvered openings on the north, south, east, and west sides and no openings on the narrower other sides. There are Doric pilasters at the corners, an entablature, and a battlemented top. The east and west sides of the porch have no opening on the first story, typical porch railing on the second story, and a modillion cornice.

The east elevation is set several feet from the building to the east, and there are windows on both stories, but the pattern of fenestration is hidden and the space is not accessible. The west elevation, on the first story, has, from north to south, a two-over-two sash, a flush metal door with boarded-up transom, a two-over-two sash, three blank bays, a two-over-two sash, another blank bay, a two-over-two sash, a blank bay, and the porch. The second story has three two-over-two sash, a vent, five two-over-two sash, a blank bay, and the porch. There is a brick chimney at the north end.

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The north elevation is five bays and has an exposed foundation with a two-over-two sash in a segmentally-arched opening in the east bay. The east-center bay is covered by a wood shed. The center bay has a flush door in a segmentally-arched opening. The two western bays have vents. The first story has five two-over-two sash and the second story has an altered center bay opening with a fire door leading to a wood fire escape. There are two two-over-two sash to the east and one to the west, with no opening in the west bay. On the roof is a semi-circular louvered dormer.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates N/A

Architect/Builder Hubert G. Jory

Construction dates 1938-39

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Significance:

The first purpose-built firehouse in Ellicott City is located at the intersection of Church Road and Main Street, and was built in 1896. After the truck-drawn fire-fighting equipment overturned and was damaged responding to the fire that destroyed the Patapsco Manor Sanitarium (later Taylor Manor Hospital, HO-975) in 1923, the fire company purchased a new La France motorized engine. The old building was inadequate for the new equipment, and the county commissioners bought a new frame structure at 8316 Main Street. In 1932 this building was renovated, and the changes are of note because they seem to create a pattern that was followed in the third firehouse. Carpenters were hired to extend the front out toward the street, with a porch on the second story for the quarters there. For unknown reasons (though most likely it was another change of equipment) the county decided it needed a new firehouse and in 1938 purchased the vacant lot 52 on Main Street near Fels Lane, which had been the site of Charles Makinson's carriage factory, for the third building.¹

Howard County received federal funding through the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works in 1938 for the new firehouse (project no. MD. 1100-F), and borrowed \$75,000 for this and two other projects. The other projects were a new school in Scaggsville and an addition to the courthouse. The firehouse was estimated to cost \$41,000, and was designed by architect Hubert G. Jory, of whom

¹ Celia M. Holland, *Ellicott City, Maryland: Mill Town, U.S.A.* (Tuxedo, MD: author, 1970), pp 106-08. Joetta Cramm, *Historic Ellicott City: A Walking Tour*, rev. ed. (Woodbine, MD: K. & D., Ltd., 1996), pp. 43-44. *Ellicott City (Maryland) Times*, 4 August 1932, p. 1, col. 2.

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nothing is known at this time. Mancini Construction Co. of Baltimore was the low bidder, at \$33,684, well below the estimated cost, and received the contract in September for the brick building. The firehouse has two bays of large doors for the engines on the lower story, set back beneath a large open framed porch with brick piers at both ends. While the details differ from the second building, the overall form is quite similar. The modillion cornice and Flemish bond brickwork are Colonial Revival details, and the lantern on the roof is a close copy of the lantern on "Doughoregan Manor," substituting an arched, louvered opening for the six-over-six sash. The source of the Doughoregan lantern was likely the book *Great Georgian Houses of America*, published in 1933. This firehouse does not have a tower for drying hose, a feature that was almost ubiquitous to fire stations before World War II. Machines for drying hose were apparently introduced in the 1940s, too late to have been used here. Some architects hid towers by sinking them, which would have been made easier in this instance because the station is banked. Given the extensive basement, an alternative arrangement such as drying racks could also have been employed.²

² *Ellicott City (Maryland) Times*, 7 July 1938, p. 1, col. 6; 14 July 1938, p. 1, col. 2; 8 September 1938, p. 1, col. 6. Architects Emergency Committee, *Great Georgian Houses of America*, Vol. 1, 1933. Rebecca Zurier, *The American Firehouse: An Architectural and Social History*. (New York: Abbeville Press, 1982), pp. 159, 164, 210-11.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See footnotes

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.3 A
Acreage of historical setting 1.3 A
Quadrangle name Ellicott City

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the property lines for tax map 25A, parcel 240, which encompasses all of the historic buildings on the site.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	September 2009
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

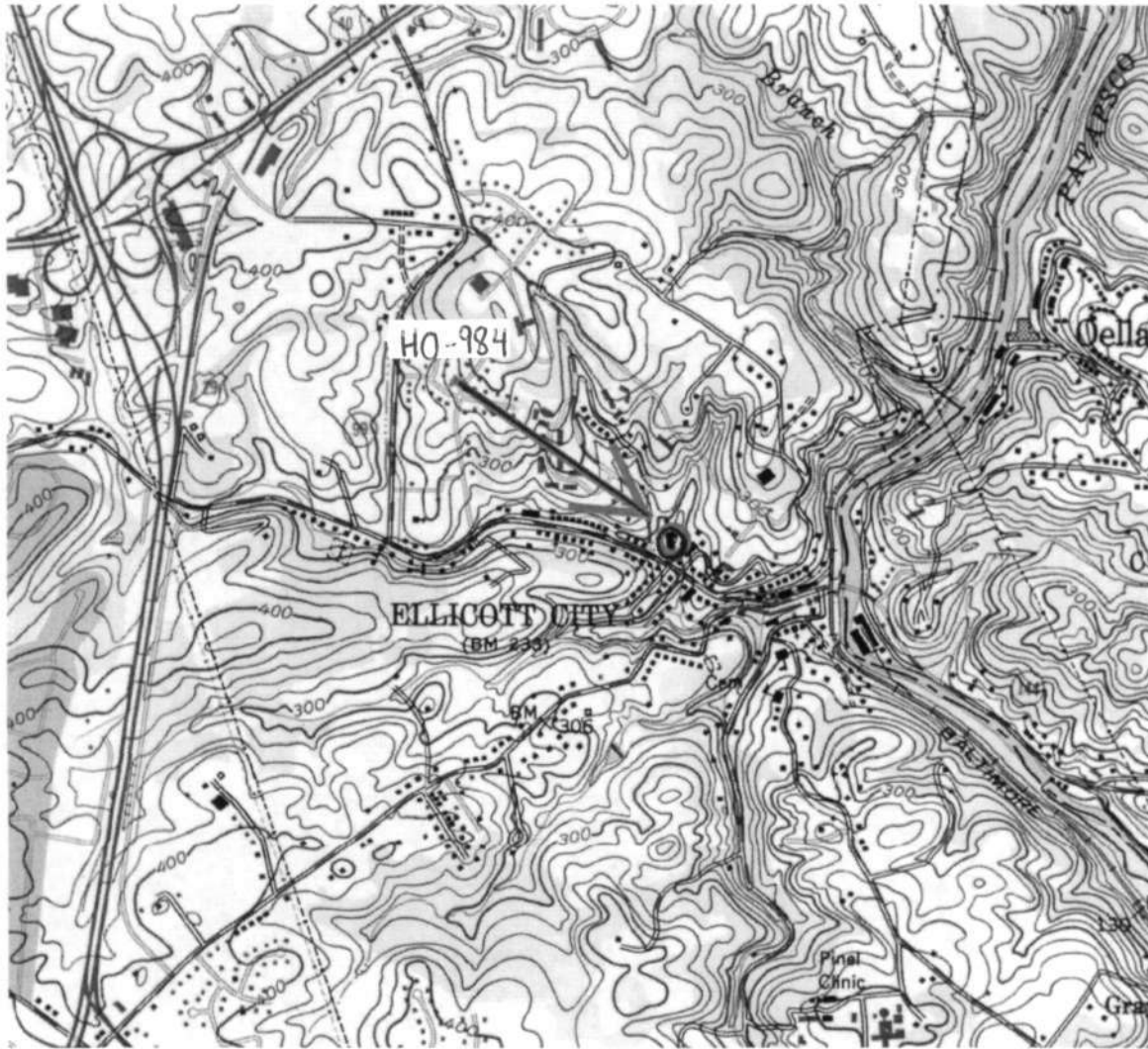
The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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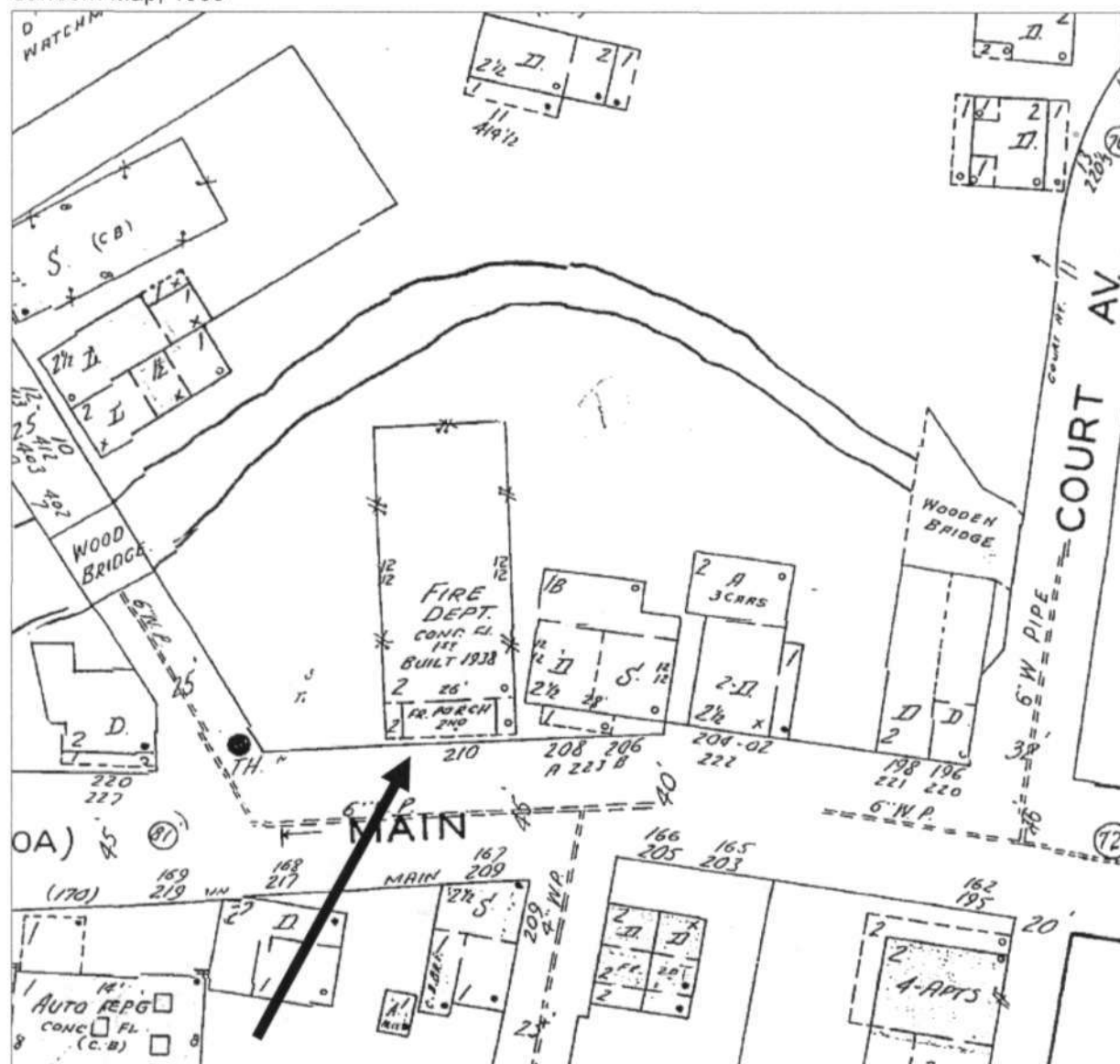
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CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER- ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
Howard Co. MD & Ellicott City Volunteer Fireman's Assoc. Inc./MD Corp.	Main Street Firehouse LLC/MD Co.	31 May 2002	MDR 6225-339	Deed – fee simple	\$795,000	1. .159 A 2. .117 A 3. .031 A	1. See 161-117 2. See 270-174 3. Tiber-Hudson Branch of Patapsco River
Howard County Volunteer Fireman's Assoc., Inc./MD	Howard Co., MD Bd. Of Co. Commissioners	9 August 1938	BM, Jr. 161-117	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	6,863.5 sq. ft.	Mtg. of HCVFA 8 July 1938 – order to sell to Howard Co. Lot 52 on Plat of division made by Ellicotts p/o Mount Misery 1
Mary Rebecca Makinson/Howard, unmarried	Ho. Co. Vol. Fireman's Assoc., Inc.	25 May 1937	BM, Jr. 157-117	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	6,863.5 sq. ft.	N. side of Baltimore & Frederick State Rd. in Ellicott City 1
Jane Agnes Makinson, widow/ Howard	Mary Rebecca Makinson/Howard	31 Aug. 1931	HSK 142-80	Deed – fee simple for lots A & B	\$5.00	?	Fells Ave. & Main St. in Ellicott City 3 lots – C. subject to 2 ground rents 1
William A. Makinson, et al, heirs to Charles T. Makinson/ Howard	Jane Agnes Makinson, widow of Charles T.	24 April 1915	HBN 101-393	Deed – fee simple	L & A \$10.00	?	B
Joseph H. & Sallie E. Leishear	Charles T. Makinson	3 May 1872	WWW 31-562				B
Andrew J. Isaac/ Howard	Jane Agnes Makinson d/o A.J.I.	28 Nov. 1902	JHO 76-282	Deed – fee simple	\$1.00	23.45 p.	p/o Rebecca's Lot on Fells Avenue, Ellicott City A
William A. Makinson, admin. of Charles T. Makinson, et al, heirs of Charles T.	Jane Agnes Makinson, widow of Charles T.	24 April 1915	HBN 101-394	Deed	L & A \$1.00	?	CTM d. 8 March 1915 2 lots w/ground rents x. \$27.20/year y. \$24.00/year C
Edward Brown	Charles T. Makinson	9 April 1881	WWLC 85-123				C
	Andrew J. Isaac	15 May 1860	WWW 20-595				A

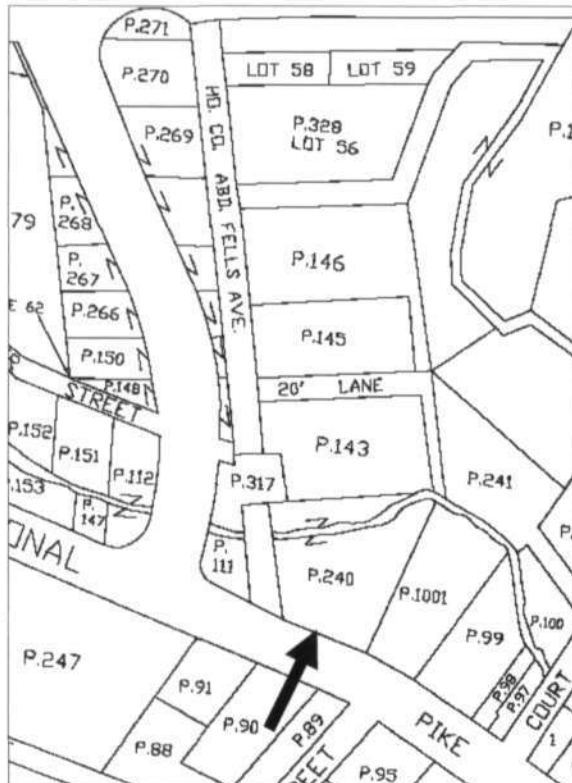
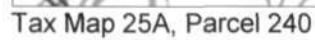


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Ellicott City Quad

Third Ellicott City Firehouse
8390 Main Street (MD 144), Ellicott City
Sanborn Map, 1959



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8390 Main Street (MD 144), Ellicott City
Ellicott City quad 1953, Photorevised 1966 and 1974



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8390 Main Street (MD 144), Ellicott City

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South elevation



West elevation



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North elevation



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Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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South & east elevations

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West elevation

HO-0984_2009-04-07_03
North elevation



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South and east elevations



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Howard Co. Md.

Ken Shurt, photographer

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West elevation

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North elevation

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